

Amendments to the Specification:

Delete the title in its entirety, and replace with the following:

--CYLINDER FOR A TWIN-SCREW EXTRUDER WITH A HELICAL
CHANNEL OF VARYING DEPTH--.

Page 1, before line 2, insert the following title and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/DE00/02896, filed on August
22, 2000. Priority is claimed on that application and on the following application:

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